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PREACHING FOR NOTORIETY.

"When two persons are united in the holy bonds of matrimony," he said, "there can be no bond of love without concordant youth. Unless there is this youth there is no guaranty of happiness.

"You must look at life through the same glasses at similar stages of life so as to further that unity of sentiment which should exist.

"And where there is concordant youth let me say that you will have more trouble if your daughter is married to an orthodox Jew than if married to a gentile. You girls out there do not know what it means to marry the so-called orthodox Jew."

The above expressions were given utterance by Rabbi Emil G. Hirsch at Chicago last Sunday.

"Of course people who have read of this rabbi before will not be startled by such remarks. A great majority of our rabbis prefer not to encourage inter-marriage—in fact, discourage it—and here comes Dr. Hirsch and tells us it is preferable to marry a gentile to an orthodox Jew.

It is detestable to see and hear people continually harping on what the Rabbinate does and says. But when a Jewish minister comes out openly and makes the declaration as above we can not pass it unnoticed.

Rabbi Hirsch is certainly a bright enough man to attract more than passing attention of the Jews of Chicago if he delivered a Jewish lecture or sermon.

His opportunities are equally as great if he selected a Biblical

topic and adhered to it. But would he make such a world-wide stir if he announced a Biblical theme? No. Possibly only the members of his own congregation would hear him.

No doubt the words of Dr. Hirsch will be heralded world wide and his name expand a hundred fold and his notoriety, for which he is playing, will increase in proportion. But whether or not he will have the respect and well wishes that are accorded our more modest and sedate ministers is food for thought.

THE BIBLE AND WHAT IT IS TO MAN.

This is the one factor that gives the Bible such power over man. It is the book of hope. Open the Bible at the beginning and read the first word of hope that ever fell on the ears of mortals. Turn to the very last chapter recorded in the Holy Scriptures and read there the grandest song of hope that ever cheered the human heart. Between these two promises you will find messages of hope as thick as leaves on the forest tree. It matters not whether prophet or psalmist or an angel or the word of God himself is spoken by means of his prophet—the voice is always that of hope.

Thanks and adoration to God for this book which he has given to man freighted with all hope and promise

—Rabbi Abraham D. Price.

MORALITY OF RELIGION.

"We find religion in all climes, not only in our travels but also in the history of all times. Without religion there is no morality. For after all what is morality but the observance of the supreme law, 'Do good—avoid evil.' Hence the inseparability of morality and religion."—Rabbi Abraham D. Price.

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SAINTED HYPOCRICY.

Delivered at the Bena David Synagogue.

Rabbi Price, of Baltimore, Md.

"We should never judge a man's piety by the loudness of his amen nor the willingness to serve the Lord by the size of his contribution. Although it is true that all lives will bear inspection—close scrutiny and proper construction with due allowance for human deficiencies—still the actual measure of the man will be revealed. We should not be too exacting, but by no means seek to condone an offense that merits both censure and criticism. The church has too long been explaited as a shield for men whose acts are not above suspicion, and those who have ensconced themselves with its sanctity lend an air of righteousness to their questionable lives. It is a duty incumbent upon the moral world. A duty that we cannot escape to separate the wheat from the tares, to raise the standard of morality and threaten those who dare defy its laws with ostracism and the scorn of the world. The spectacle of men who employ sweat shop labor—when the daily grind with its racking torments drive men to desperation—or still worse, a victim to the throes of consumption and then lavishly contribute towards the maintenance of hospitals and other charitable institutions, can no longer in the name of justice be countenanced. We must strip the glamour from these sainted hypocrits and let them stand forth in their naked hideousness—a monument to the rotten social order the world over.

ZIONISM

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in Jerusalem and Jaffa and along the course of the new railways there is the noise and bustle of commerce. The exports and imports of Jaffa have grown to be more than six million dollars a year. The foundations are being laid in Jerusalem for a Technical College which is to cost a fifth of a million, and houses have become so scarce in the Holy City that two hundred new ones are now in course of construction.

There is one iron works at Jaffa which gives steady work to 120 men—all Jews, and which paid dividends last year at the rate of 25 per cent. There are two soap factories at Haifa, and big flour mills at Jerusalem. This year, also, the first steamship dared to invade the stagnant waters of the Dead Sea, and to take possession of it in the name of commerce.

With modern methods of irrigation and scientific farming, Palestine could be made a veritable Garden of Eden. It has the same climate, very nearly, as Southern California. There are 360 varieties of birds in its orange groves and oleander trees; and three thousand kinds of flowers in its fields and valleys. With a single generation of capital and Jewish-American industry, Palestine would become the daintiest little country in the world. But about the greatest number of Jews who would ever return to Palestine would be 6,000,000, and these people would go into factories and other great industrial enterprises. Palestine would never, according to the Zionists, be devoted to agriculture.

The river Jordan is an ideal torrent for water-power. Under the listless regime of the Turks it is the one tireless and energetic thing in the whole region. For more than a hundred miles it plunges from side to side with a reckless waste of strength, which will some day give electric light and power to the picturesque towns that straggle along its banks.

It was here, not far from the Jordan, that the human race invented glass. It was near by, up the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, that Tyre and Sidon flourished—the two greatest commercial cities of antiquity. So, when the Jews regain Palestine, they may find that they have done much more than gratify their patriotic feelings. They may find themselves in possession of one of the best "business corners" on the world's highway.

Palestine would be a Jewish country today, in my opinion, if Theodore Herzl had not died. Herzl was the George Washington of the Jews—one of the most remarkable and romantic figures of this generation. He died four years ago of heart disease.